



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at **5:00** p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Freedman

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was present for this Regular Meeting of the City of Palm Springs Sustainability Commission.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** The agenda was presented by Chair Jackson. A motion to approve as posted by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Santora and unanimously carried.

	<u>This Meeting</u>	<u>Present to Date</u>	<u>FY 2017/2018 Excused Absences</u>	<u>FY 2017/2018 Unexcused Absences</u>
Joe Jackson	X	58		
Roy Clark	X	22		
Grant Wilson	X	59		
David Freedman	X	33		
Jennifer Futterman	X	21	2	
Greg Gauthier	X	13	2	
John Goins	E	12	4	
Robert McCann	X	21	4	
T Santora	X	2	3	
Carl Baker	X	3		
Jessica Spry	X	4		
Dara Shay – Student Rep	X	5	1	

X = Present

E = Excused (notified Chair and Staff of absence)

L = Late

U = did not notify of absence

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Jay Virata, Director of Community & Economic Development, Daniel DeGarmo, Clerical Assistant, and Gary Calhoun, Recycling Coordinator.

**CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMENTS** – None

**COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Jim Flannagan, Palm Springs, spoke on the state of Hawaii and how they incinerate their trash and turn it into energy.

**A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** - None

**B. MEETING MINUTES**

March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Gauthier to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Spry and approved unanimously by an open vote.

**C. RECYCLING REPORT,** Gary Calhoun reported that the E-waste and Shredding Recycling event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Mr. Calhoun also commented that Katherine Finchy School has contacted the Office of Sustainability and that they are interested in having recycling containers at the school. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Film Festival Programs – Commissioners Futterman, Gauthier.

Commissioner Gauthier reported on the Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Riverside and that he and Commissioner Futterman were able to speak with the executive director of the organization that put on the festival.

2. Study Session with Council Liaison Kors: Draft Agenda – Chair Jackson and Vice Chair Clark.  
Chair Jackson reported on the agenda for the Study Session with Councilmember Kors. He also asked commissioners for input on their priorities for the Commission to be discussed with Councilmember Kors.
3. Report on Milkweeds for Monarchs Project – Vice Chair Clark and Christine Hammond.  
Vice Chair Clark reported on efforts being made on the Milkweeds for Monarchs program and that some plants have been ordered to be placed for sale. He also stated that in a meeting with Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities to discuss places where the milkweed plants could be planted such as some parks and the library. He also stated that he met with Julie Warren at the Library and obtained information on what it will take to sponsor a lecture at the Library. Vice Chair Clark also stated that the Mayors for Monarch pledge is on the agenda for the City Council for April 18, 2018. Comments and questions from the commissioners on the above three items were presented and discussed.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Retail Licensing Program as proposed by Riverside County for municipalities.  
Commissioner Baker moved and Vice Chair Clark seconded the following motion:  
**Motion:** “The Sustainability Commission supports a Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance for the City of Palm Springs as proposed by Riverside County.” Discussion followed on the spirit and jurisdiction of the motion with the motion being amended by Commissioner Freedman to state:” The Sustainability Commission supports a Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance for the City of Palm Springs based on the Riverside County ordinance to be implemented in Palm Springs as best determined by the City Manager, City Attorney and City Council.” Commissioner Wilson stated he could not support the motion if it includes using decoys to enforce the ordinance. Chair Jackson requested a vote by show of hands and the motion passed with 7 ayes, 1 no by Commissioner Wilson and 2 abstentions by Commissioners Santora and Futterman.
2. Continuing discussion on a Proposed Ordinance Regarding Clean Air, Smoking, and Tobacco Use in the City of Palm Springs – Commissioner Baker reported on the content of a smoking ban basically everywhere except a single family home and its property. Commissioner Freedman asked about the “Private Right of Action” clause and the consequences to businesses that it may have. Chair Jackson invited Bob Heinbaugh to speak on the issue. Mr. Heinbaugh stated that the draft ordinance has been reviewed by several tobacco industry attorneys but he does not know offhand how many cities have adopted the ordinance as written. Comments and questions from the commissioners were presented and discussed.
3. Household Hazardous Waste Facility Approval of Shared Construction Costs with Riverside County.  
**Motion:** “Approve the expenditure of \$15,000.00 to Riverside County for shared costs to construct a concrete foundation pad and ADA compatible walkway at the Household Hazardous Waste facility at 1100 Vella in Road Palm Springs for a “reuse store”. The purpose of the reuse store is for contractors and builders to drop off unused building products from a construction site that can then be picked up by anyone at no charge for their own projects. The reuse store is open during regular HHW site hours.”  
Office of Sustainability Assistant Dan DeGarmo explained the background of the above motion to the Commissioners and asked for a motion from the Commission. Commissioner Santora moved and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and Chair Jackson asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously on an open vote.

## F. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Standing Committee on Solar and Green Building - Commissioners Freedman and Goins –  
Commissioner Freedman reported on the actions being done to get Palm Springs designated as a Sol Smart City. Commissioner Freedman also reported that the GPro green building classes scheduled for April have been postponed due to lack of registration. The classes will be re-scheduled for a later time.
2. Standing Committee on Waste Reduction - Commissioners McCann, Spry and Vice Chair Clark –  
Commissioner McCann reported on the Construction and Demolition ordinance that is being worked on and addressed some of the concerns that have been voiced. Commissioner McCann also reported on

the proposed polystyrene containers and plastic straws ban and that a joint subcommittee with the City Council be formed to review the subject further. Commissioner Spry stated that her research found that the cost of biodegradable containers is not as high as some retailers had mentioned. Lastly, Commissioner McCann reported on the plan to purchase recycle containers for the City parks and the one container that meets the needs of the City. Vice Chair Clark reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to speak at the Sustainability Commission in May regarding this subject. Chair Jackson reiterated that the committee has the OK from the Commission to proceed with the ordering of the recycle containers. Commissioner Spry commented on the Global Green waste to energy program and that a report will be forthcoming. An application would be required to join the program along with a cost of about \$2000.00.

3. Ad Hoc Committee on Walkability and Pedestrian Planning - Commissioner Wilson reported on the La Verne Way bike lane proposal and that it passed in City Council. Commissioner Wilson also reported that the Safe Routes to School program will be reported on at the June meeting
4. Wellness - Commissioner Baker stated that there is no report other than the smoking ban.
5. Water - Commissioner Freedman reported that he will be going on a tour of the Hoover Dam with DWA next week. The DWA board meeting stated that the water conservation amount in March was 6% from the 2013 baseline. He will be meeting with DWA to discuss what further conservation measures the City can take to reduce water usage.
6. Outreach - Commissioner Futterman stated that she is working on the billboard design for World Environment Day event and if anyone has a contact for anyone who could become a sponsor for the event. Chair Jackson asked if the Commission should continue to have a booth at the Farmers Market after the market moves indoors. Commissioner Futterman stated that the staffing of a booth should continue for at least a couple of more months after it moves indoors.

Comments and questions from the commissioners on the above reports were presented and discussed.

**G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS -**

Chair Jackson stated that elections for Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the July 2018 meeting if anyone is interested in seeking office.

- H. ADJOURNMENT -** The meeting of the Sustainability Commission adjourned at 6:30 PM by a motion from Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner Santora and approved by a unanimous vote. They adjourned to the Special Study Session Meeting of the Sustainability Commission to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018, at the Welwood Murray Memorial Library Community Room, 100 S Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs CA 92262. The Sustainability Commission's regular meeting schedule is at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday each month except August unless otherwise noted or amended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Virata, Director of Community and Economic Development, For the Office of Sustainability